

REMARKS

Claims 86-110 are pending. Claim 47 is hereby cancelled without prejudice. Claims 86, 93, 99 and 106 are the only pending independent claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 93-99 stand objected to as the numbering of the claims is not in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126. Claim 92 was inadvertently omitted and claim 99 appeared twice, reciting different subject matter. The Office Action has correctly renumbered these claims as claims 92-98 (with first claim 99 now corresponding to claim 98). Applicants have rectified the claim numbering of the relevant claims and amended their dependencies accordingly.

Double Patenting

Claims 47, 86-88 and 92 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,523,791. Claims 89-91 and 93-110 also stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,523,791 in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,634,605. For the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application, and without conceding to the Office Action's rejections, Applicants submit herewith terminal disclaimers, which disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of each of the above-identified patents. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), Applicants hereby authorize a statutory disclaimer fee in the amount of \$260.00 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-3050.

Claim Rejections


Claim 47 stands rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,316,243 to Henneberger. Applicants have cancelled claim 47 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 86-110 are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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